

# STAILC OCRAIS 1981

Saturday 1st October, Liberty Hall



Public Meetings

**2PM - MAGHABERRY:**

**POLITICAL STATUS NOW**

Speakers Breandán Mac Cionnaith  
and Mandy Duffy

**4PM - WOMEN FIGHT THE SYSTEM  
IN ARMAGH PRISON**

Speaker Máire Drumm

**6PM - 1981 HUNGER STRIKE**

Speakers Tommy McKearney  
and other ex-POWs



# 1981 HUNGER STRIKE



## Remember the Hunger Strikers - Cuimhnigh ar na Stailceoirí Ocráis

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the 1981 H-Block hunger strike during which ten IRA and INLA prisoners died rather than be branded 'criminals' by the British government.



*I ndiaidh aistarraingt an stádaís pholaitiúil in 1976, d'fhulaing cimi poblachtacha roinnt blianta de dhrochíde bhrúidiúil agus tháireach ar agóidí na pluide agus gan ní.*

After several years of protest the prisoners believed they had no other option but to embark on a hunger strike.



The first hunger strike began in October 1980 and involved seven men in the H-Blocks and three women in Armagh prison. Believing they had a deal from the British government, the strike was called off in December without loss of life. It soon became clear that the British were totally reneging on the deal which ended the first strike, and in March 1981 a second hunger strike began led by Bobby Sands.



*Ar fud na hÉireann mháirseáil na deiche míle ar son chúig éileamh na stailceoirí ocráis. Ar fud na cruinne bhí ambasáidí na Breataine mar choilár na léirsithe a d'éiligh stádas polaitiúil do chimí poblachtacha na hÉireann.*



In April of that momentous year Bobby Sands was elected MP for Fermanagh South Tyrone while the general election in the Twenty Six counties saw the election of two prisoner candidates. Kieran Doherty who died after 73 days on hunger strike was elected TD for Cavan Monaghan while Paddy Agnew was returned in Louth.



*Fuair deichniúr trodaí poblachach misniúil óg bás mar thoradh ar stailc ocráic 1981: Bobby Sands, Francis Hughes, Raymond McCreesh, Patsy O'Hara, Martin Hurson, Joe McDonnell, Kevin Lynch, Kieran Doherty, Tom McElwee and Michael Devine. Thirty years on the selflessness of the Hunger Strikers continues to inspire freedom loving people around the globe.*



*Ná déanfar dearmad ar a n-iobairt. Dé Sathairn 1ú Deireadh Fómhair cuirfidh éirigi cruinniú poiblí i láthair in ómós dóibh.*

The meeting will discuss contemporary issues in relation to continued attempts by the British government to criminalise republican prisoners in Maghaberry as well as the epic struggle in both the H-Blocks and Armagh in 1980-81.



*I measc na gcainteoirí beidh iar-stailceoirí ocráis agus iarchimí polaitiúla. Tá fáilte roimh chách. Bí linn ag cuimhneamh ar dheichniúr mairtíreach na mBloc H.*



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